

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to: FIGS. 1-4, 8-9 and 10. These sheets replace the original sheets including: FIGS. 1-4, 8-9 and 10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (5)

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (5)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of October 5, 2006 in which the Examiner: [1] Objected to the lack of functional labeling in the Drawings under Rules 83(a) and 84(o); [2] Objected to Claim 18 due to informalities; [3] Rejected Claims 16-20 under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter; [4] Rejected Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13-16 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Bilbrey et al. (US-6,020,931); [5] Rejected Claims 8, 19 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Bilbrey et al. in view of Rackley et al. (US-5,872,556); [7] and indicated that Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 12, 17, 18, 20 appear to be allowable over the prior art, although Claims 17, 18, 20 are not statutory.

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiners thorough Examination, and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 12, 17, 18 and 20. Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14-20 and Amended Claims 2-3, 6-7, 9, 12-13.

1 OBJECTION TO DRAWINGS

The Examiner Objected to the lack of functional labeling in the Drawings under Rules 83(a) and 84(o).

Applicant has amended the drawings to overcome the objection, and includes replacement sheets along with annotated sheets showing corresponding changes thereto.

2 INFORMALITIES OBJECTION TO CLAIM 18

The Examiner Objected to Claim 18 due to informalities.

Applicant has canceled Claim 18.

3 CLAIMS 16-20 REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 101

The Examiner rejected Claims 16-20 under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant has canceled Claims 16-20

4 CLAIMS 1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13-16 REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13-16 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Bilbrey et al. (US-6,020,931).

Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, and 14-16. Applicant has amended remaining rejected dependent Claims 7 and 13 to depend from amended Independent Claims 6 and 12 respectively. These claims as amended are believed to overcome the Bilbrey et al. reference both by reason of their dependence from Claims which the Examiner indicated contain allowable subject matter, but also for reasons of independent significance.

5 CLAIMS 8, 19 REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 103(a)

The Examiner Rejected Claims 8, 19 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Bilbrey et al. in view of Rackley et al. (US-5,872,556).

Applicant has canceled Claims 8 and 19.

7 ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER IN CLAIMS 2-4, 6, 9, 12, 17, 18, 20

The Examiner indicated that Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 12, 17, 18, 20 appear to be allowable over the prior art, although Claims 17, 18, 20 are not statutory.

Applicant has canceled Claims 17, 18, and 20 and amended Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 12 to include the limitations of the base and any intervening claims from which they originally depended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, and the amendments to the Claims, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9 and 12-13 have been placed in a condition for allowance, and requests that they be allowed. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1338 (Docket No. AWAPP008).

Respectfully submitted,

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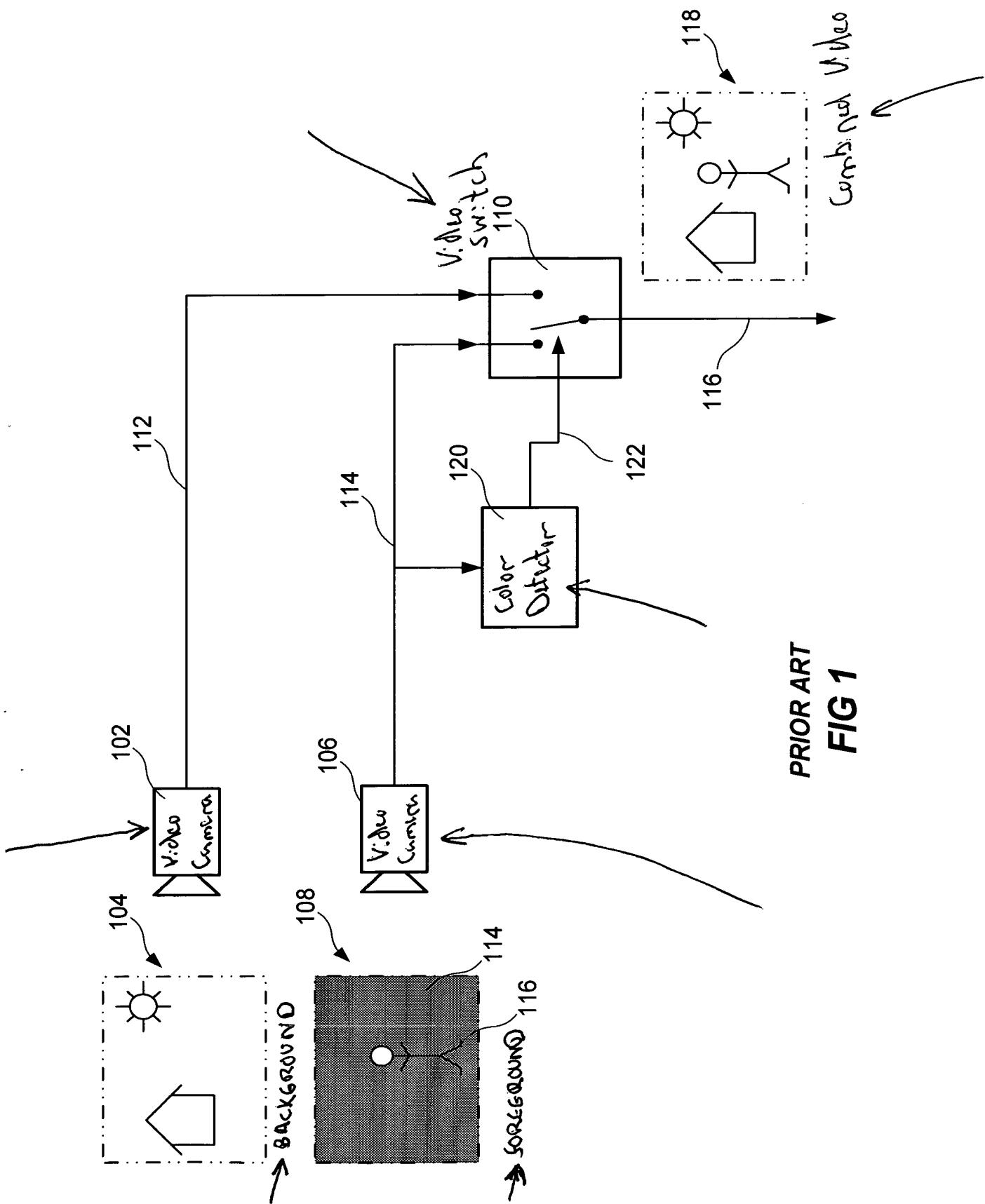
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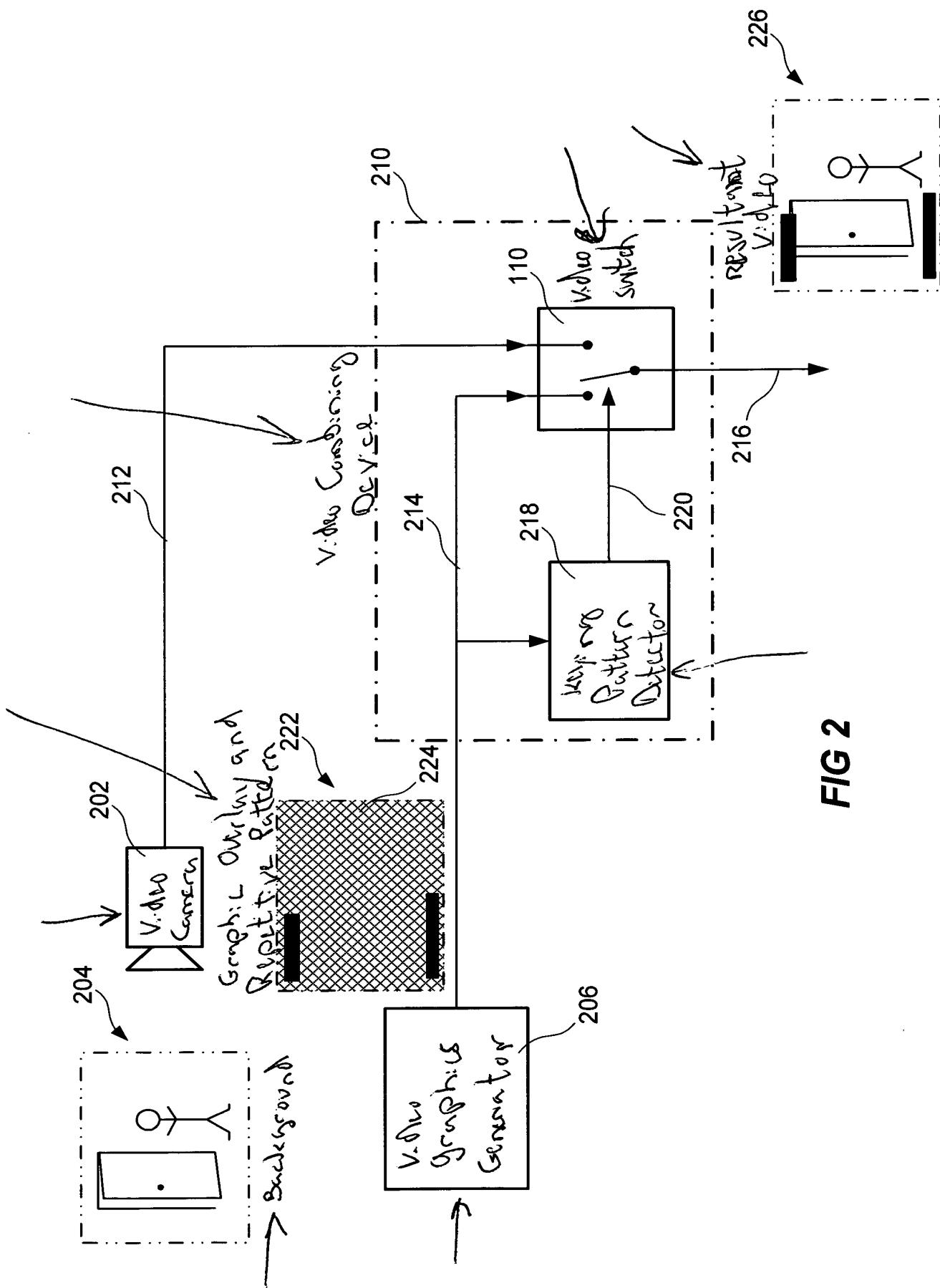


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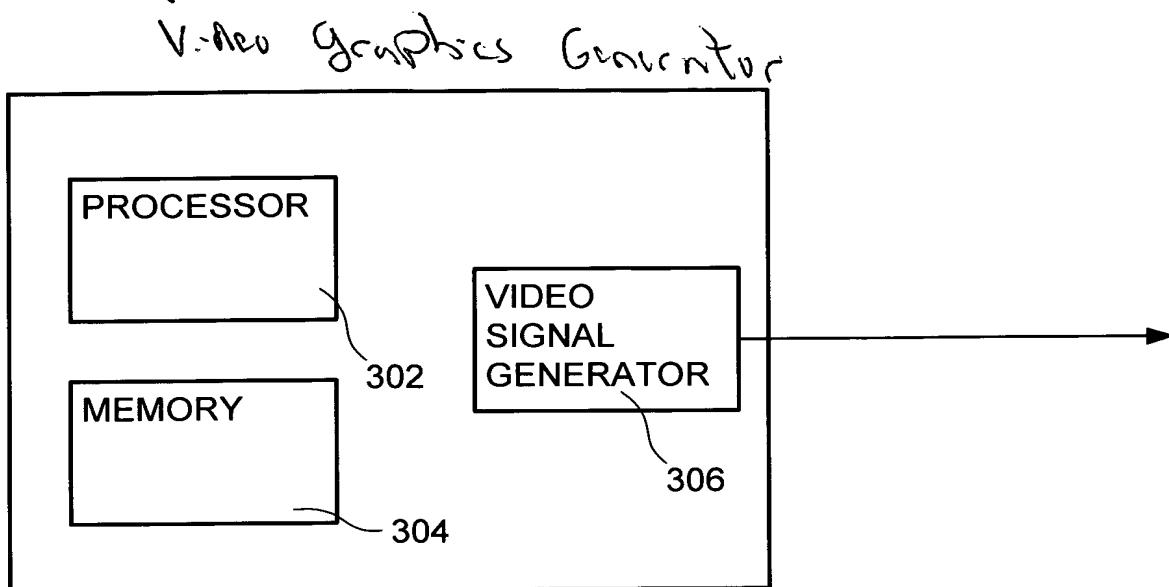


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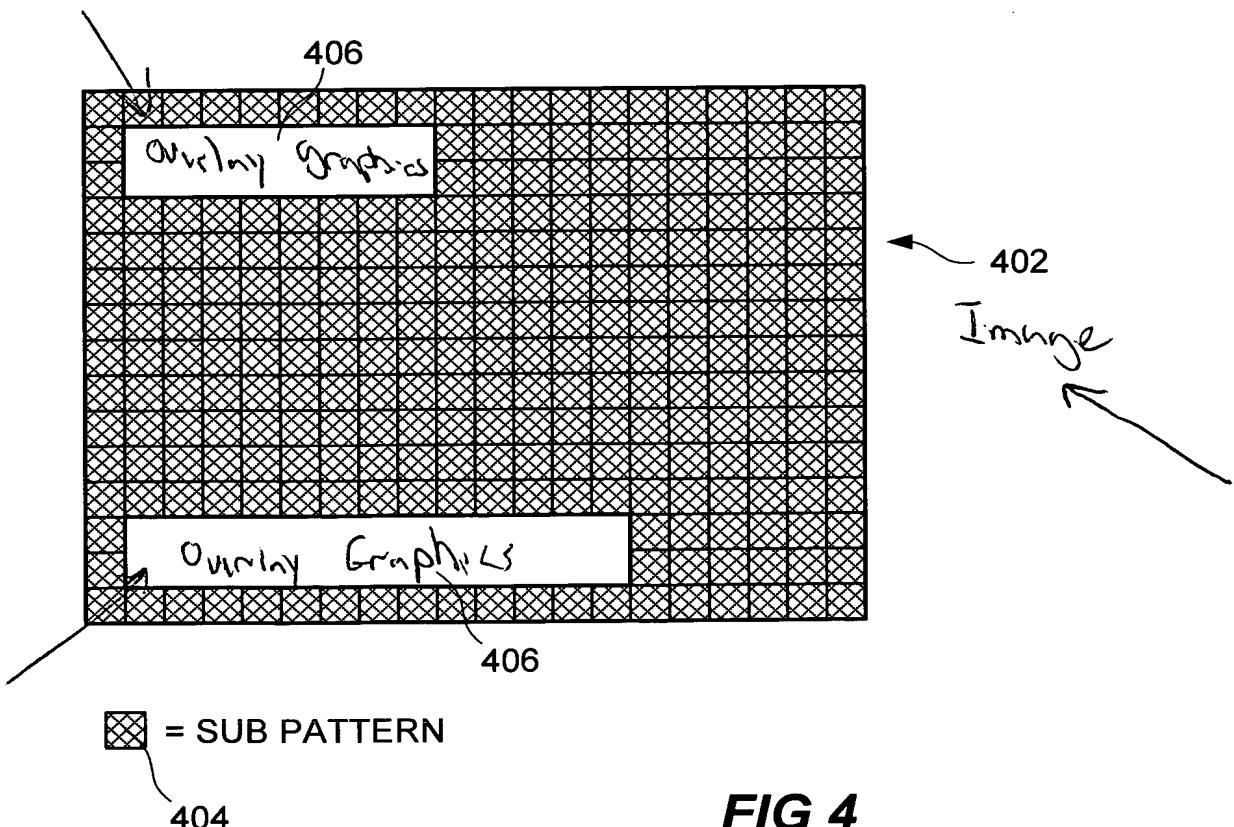


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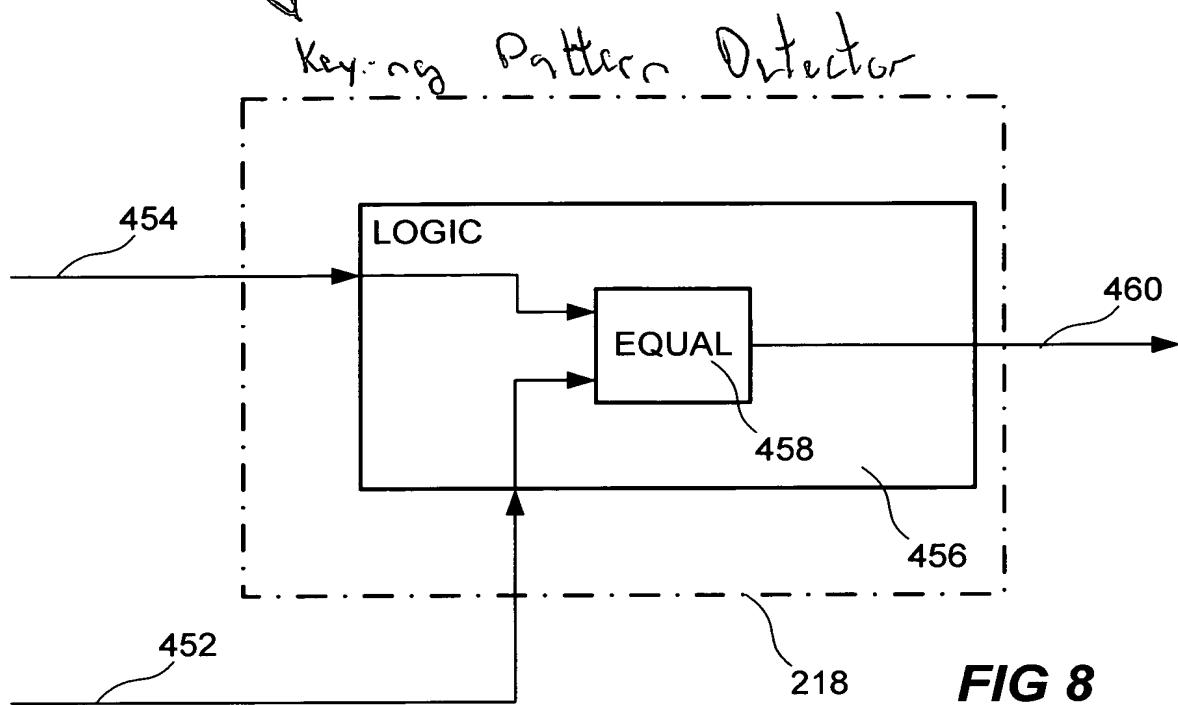


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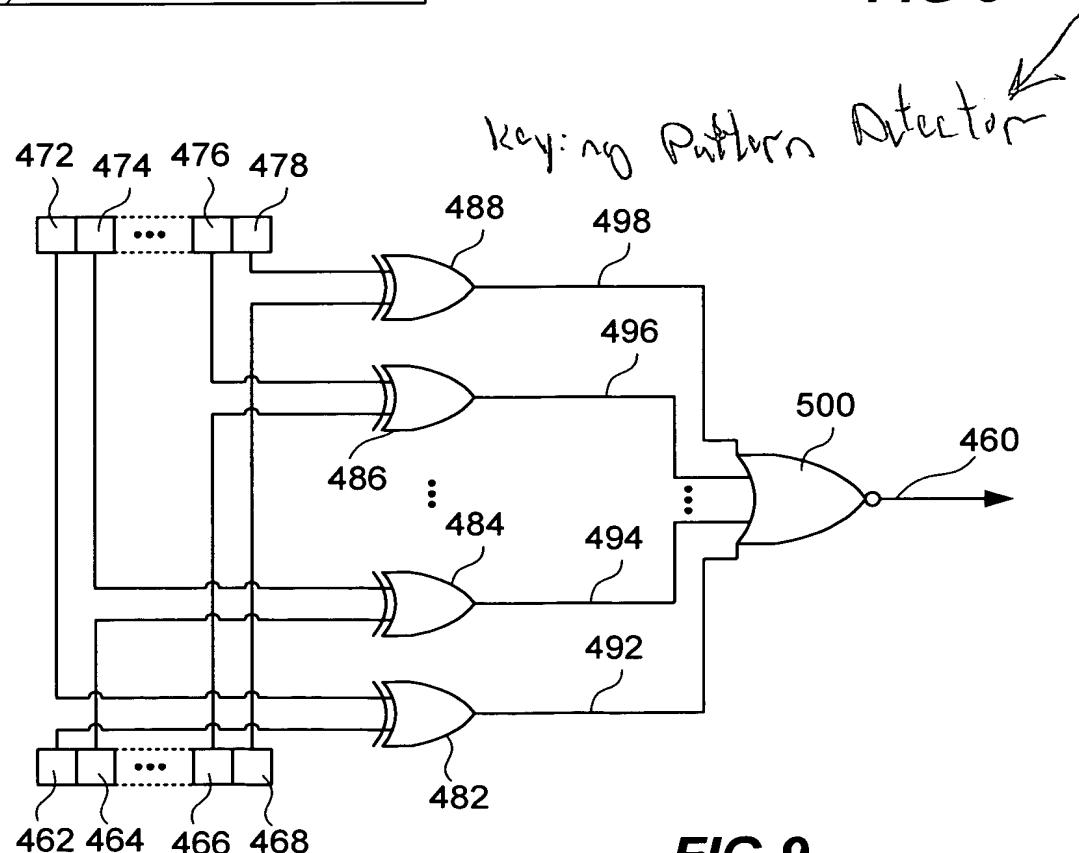


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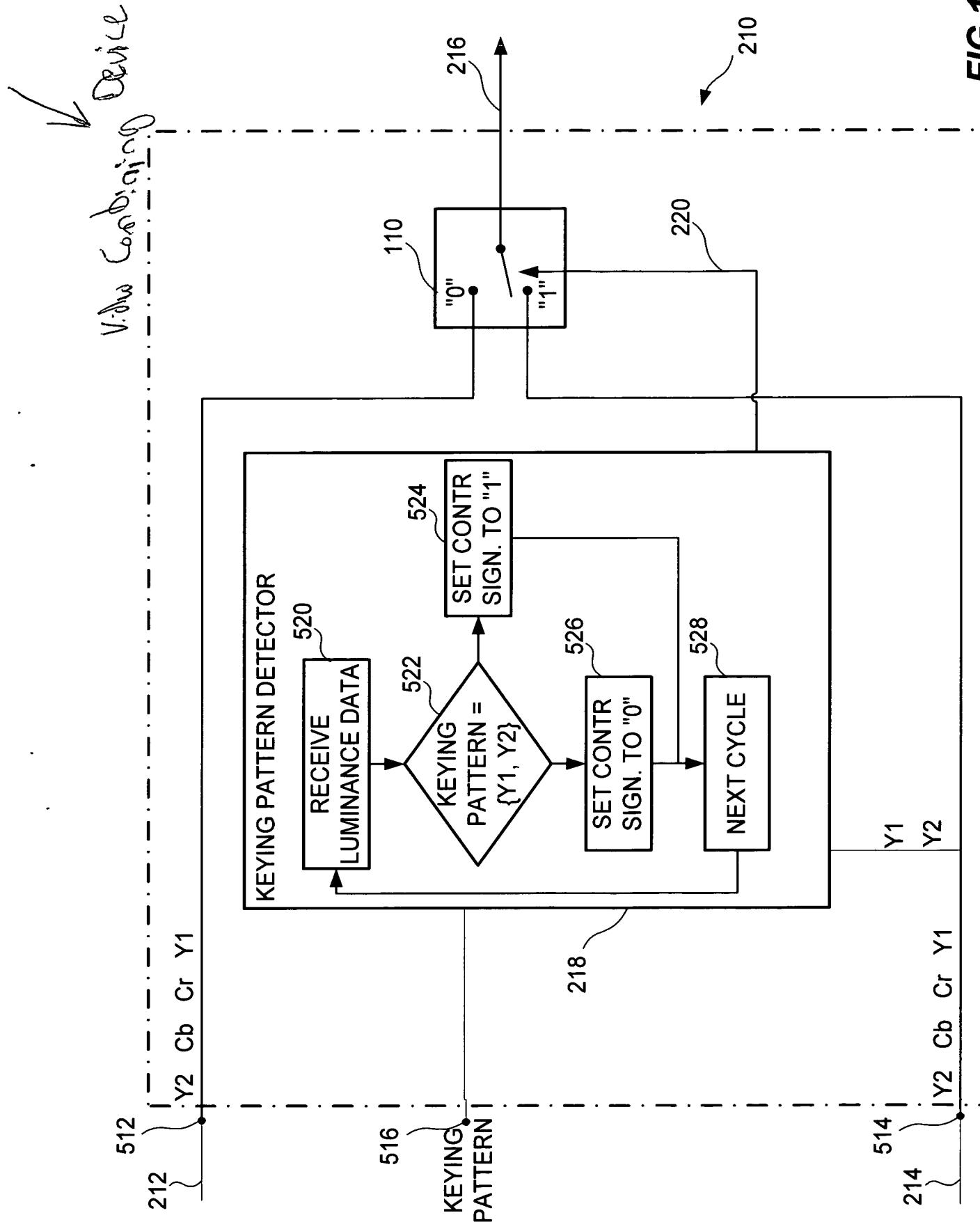


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